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FOR CHARGE FROM NEWSOM

AS YOU ARE AWARE, PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY WILL COME TO THE US DURING OCTOBER IN RESPONSE TO AN INVITATION TO MAKE A STATE VISIT WHICH WAS EXTENDED SEVERAL MONTHS AGO. IN VIEW OF PRESENT STRONG DIFFERENCES BETWEEN GUINEA AND IVORY COAST, WE WISH TO DO WHAT WE CAN TO AVOID ANY INDICATION THAT HOUPHOUET VISIT IN ANY WAY RELATED TO CURRENT BILATERAL PROBLEMS BETWEEN GOIC AND GOG. IF YOU FEEL IT NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE YOU MAY POINT OUT TO GOG AUTHORITIES THE FACT THAT HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY IS RESPONDING TO LONG-STANDING INVITATION. RUSH

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